

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (previously amended)     A cylinder valve comprising:

a single valve member in the form of a spring-loaded shuttle, the spring exerting a pressure on the shuttle in a valve-closing direction;

a valve seat against which said valve member bears in its valve-closing position;

a guide defining a channel in which said shuttle is able to travel;

a stop member able to be translated in said channel into and out of a position in which said stop member hold said valve member in its valve-closing position; and

a valve body which is engaged by said guide, said guide being able to be translated into a position in which said shuttle cannot be brought to bear against said valve seat.

Claim 2 (previously amended)     The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, wherein said valve body has a pin index for connection to an external pipeline.

Claim 3 (previously amended)     The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, in which said shuttle has a head extending in the direction of said valve seat from a body of greater diameter than said head, said head having an orifice

affording gas communication between an external port of said valve and a region of said channel intermediate said shuttle and said stop member.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 1 3, in which said spring is a compression spring, one end of which is seated in a recess in said shuttle, and the other end of which bears against said stop member.

Claim 5 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 4 wherein the orifice in said head of said shuttle communicates with the said intermediate region of said channel via the recess.

Claim 6 (previously amended) The cylinder according to Claim 1, wherein said valve seat is integral with said valve body.

Claim 7 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, wherein said stop member has a screw thread engaging a complementary screw thread in said guide.

Claim 8 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, wherein said stop member is carried on or integral with a valve spindle.

Claim 9 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 8, wherein said valve spindle terminates in a handwheel.

Claim 10 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, wherein said guide has a screw-threaded outer surface engaging a complementary screw in said valve body.

Claim 11 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, in which said guide has a socket in which can be inserted a tool operable to effect a translation of the guide relative to said valve body.

Claim 12 (cancelled)

Claim 13 (previously amended) The cylinder valve according to Claim 1, in which said guide has an internal surface that acts as a stop preventing engagement of said shuttle and said valve seat when the guide is in the said position.

Claim 14 (previously amended) A gas cylinder fitted with a cylinder valve as claimed in Claim 1.

Claim 15 (previously amended) The gas cylinder according to Claim 14 containing a medical gas.